

## REMARKS

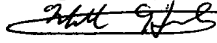
In response to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2003, applicant has canceled pending claims 38-70 and added new claim 71. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The above amendments do not represent acquiescence in the Examiner's rejections and are made to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicant reserves the right to resubmit the original claims in, for example, a continuation application.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable disposition is respectfully requested.

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